

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

IIP MANAGEMENT, LLC,	)	Case No. 1:24-cv-2160
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Judge J. Philip Calabrese
	)	
v.	)	Magistrate Judge
	)	Jennifer Dowdell Armstrong
DANIEL SHIFTEH, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

**ORDER**

Defendants removed this action from State court on the basis of diversity jurisdiction. Since then, Plaintiff has agreed to limit the damages sought to no more than \$75,000. (*See* ECF No. 9, PageID #163.) The Court has an independent obligation to ensure its jurisdiction. *Nikolao v. Lyon*, 875 F.3d 310, 315 (6th Cir. 2017). Because the claims at issue do not exceed the jurisdictional threshold, the Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Court **REMANDS** this case to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: January 13, 2025



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J. Philip Calabrese  
United States District Judge  
Northern District of Ohio